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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Darmstadt Environmental Policy Statement

1. In order to provide continuous superior garrison operations, the USAG Darmstadt must properly maintain real property, facilities and infrastructure at installations within its footprint. To accomplish this portion of our mission, we must be responsible environmental stewards. The USAG Darmstadt environmental objectives are to attain reasonable environmental improvement; comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policy; and minimize pollution. To achieve these objectives, the USAG Darmstadt enacts the following Environmental Policy:

a. **Applicability:** This policy statement applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned to all host and tenant organizations within the USAG Darmstadt.

b. **Responsibility:** The USAG Darmstadt Garrison Commander is responsible for instituting the Environmental Policy, ensuring stewardship of the environment, and developing and implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS). The Deputy Garrison Commander represents the Commander by serving as the EMS-Management Representative. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW), through the DPW Environmental Division, is responsible for assisting USAG Darmstadt organizations in fulfilling the Environmental Policy objectives and with developing and implementing the EMS. However, adherence to the Environmental Policy and implementation of the EMS is a shared responsibility of all persons living and working in the garrison. Any planned action that may negatively impact the environment must be brought to the attention of the Environmental Division for environmental consideration.

c. **Environmental Stewardship and Mission Support:** The USAG Darmstadt supports troop unit readiness by operating, maintaining and repairing real property, facilities and infrastructure in a manner protecting the environment and conserving natural and cultural resources. To accomplish this we support:

(1) Complying with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies.

(2) Continually assessing activities and services to determine their affect on the environment by identifying significant environmental impacts and ensuring that they are considered when establishing objectives and targets with the EMS and other environmental programs.

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(3) Striving to integrate environmental requirements into the garrison mission procedures and work practices.

(4) Seeking opportunities to continually improve the EMS by establishing performance measures to assess system effectiveness and implementing a proactive preventive and corrective action program.

(5) Conducting periodic environmental assessments and inspections to ensure compliance with internal and external requirements.

(6) Providing adequate training to enable personnel to recognize the potential and actual impacts of their activities.

(7) Identifying and addressing pollution prevention and waste reduction opportunities within the garrison.


(8) Preparing for potential emergencies by implementing an effective emergency preparedness system and periodically testing and updating emergency procedures and informing garrison personnel of proper emergency response actions.

(9) Remediating known contaminated sites in a timely manner as resources permit.

(10) Maintaining positive working relations with other government agencies, the Host Nation, and local communities in our shared effort to protect the environment.

d. Policy Communication: This Environmental Policy statement is available to all personnel in the USAG Darmstadt. Where possible, post the policy in work and recreational areas. This policy is available on the USAG Darmstadt website and the public can request a copy through the Public Affairs Office or from the DPW POC.

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